

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A charging apparatus comprising:
a movable image bearing member;
a first charging member for charging said image
5 bearing member; and
a second charging member provided upstream of
said first charging member with respect to a
direction of movement of said image bearing member,
said second charging member having an elastic
10 rotary member rubbing against said image bearing
member.

2. A charging apparatus according to Claim 1,
wherein said elastic rotary member has a foamed
15 rubber layer as a surface of said elastic rotary
member.

3. A charging apparatus according to Claim 2,
wherein said foamed rubber layer has 20-40 degrees
20 (Asker C hardness).

4. A charging apparatus according to Claim 3,
wherein an electrical resistance of said foamed
rubber layer is 10^7 to $10^9 \Omega$.

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5. A charging apparatus according to Claim 1,
wherein a voltage comprising a direct current and an

alternating current superimposed one upon the other is applied to said first charging member, and a direct current voltage is applied to said second charging member.

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6. A charging apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said charging apparatus is used in an image foaming apparatus of an electrophotographic process, and wherein said image bearing member has a
10 photosensitive layer.

7. A charging apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein said image bearing member has a surface protecting layer covering the photosensitive layer.

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8. A charging apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein the surface protecting layer has a thickness of 2-10 μm , and taper abrasion wear of 0.1 to 1.0 mg/1000 revolutions.

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